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In Re The Application of:  
Earl Cohen

Serial No.: 09/053,237

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For: ROUTE/SERVICE PROCES-  
SOR SCALABILITY VIA  
FLOW-BASED DISTRIBUTION OF TRAFFIC

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

This Preliminary Amendment is filed in response to the FINAL Office Action mailed on December 4, 2001, and is also filed in the Continuing Prosecution Application (CPA) filed on even date herewith. All objections and rejections are respectfully traversed.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 24, 25, 33-35, 37-43 without prejudice.